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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Technical Accounting Staff
FROM : Chief, Finance Division
SUBJECT : Common Employee Index Number
REFERENCE : Draft of Memorandum for Chief, Management Staff
from Deputy Comptroller, Subject Above

1. Reference draft has been reviewed by appropriate member of the staff of this Division, and, although there is some reservation as to whether the additional workload and confusion which is anticipated during the conversion period are justified by advantages inherent in the proposal, we concur in the redraft subject to the following:

The last sentence of paragraph 3a indicates that "numbers assigned to staff employees would be assigned only to their true names." By implication, at least, this sentence appears to be in conflict with paragraph 3b which clearly indicates that the index numbers will be used in classified correspondence, cables, etc., in conjunction with pseudonyms.

As you know, unless use of the index number is permitted with pseudonyms as well as true names, the proposal will be substantially ineffective insofar as advantages accruing to day-to-day operations of this Division are concerned.

To avoid possible misunderstanding as to the intended application of the index number, we suggest that the last sentence of paragraph 3a be deleted.

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